PRELIMINARY DRUG DEATH REPORT, MAINE 2016

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- During the year 2016 there were 378 drug-induced deaths statewide, 106 (39%) more than the previous year. This includes all deaths in which one or more drugs were mentioned on the death certificate as a cause or contributing factor.
- 313 (83%) were due to an opioid, pharmaceutical or non-pharmaceutical.
- 243 (64%) of the 378 drug deaths were drug deaths were due to either non-pharmaceutical heroin/morphine (33% of all deaths) or non-pharmaceutical fentanyl (52% of all deaths) in a wide variety of co-intoxicant combinations.
- 123 deaths were due to non-pharmaceutical heroin/morphine
 - o 92% of heroin/morphine deaths include at least 10ther drug or alcohol.
 - 24% included a pharmaceutical opioid.
 - 62% included non-pharmaceutical fentanyl or fentanyl analog.
 - 23% included alcohol.
 - 27% included a benzodiazepine.
 - 26% included cocaine.
- 195 deaths were due to non-pharmaceutical fentanyl or fentanyl analogs
 - o 82% of illicit fentanyl deaths included other drugs of alcohol.
 - 39% included heroin.
 - 38% included both fentanyl and a fentanyl analog.
 - 22% included a pharmaceutical opioid.
 - 26% included a benzodiazepine.
 - 25% included alcohol.
 - 17% included cocaine.
- During 2016 there were 123 heroin/morphine deaths, 15% more than 2015.
 - o 34 (28%) of them had fentanyl or a fentanyl analog as co-intoxicants.
 - o 75% are male and 25% are female.
 - o 39 is the average age
- During 2016 there were 195 non-pharmaceutical fentanyl deaths, 127% more than 2015
 - o 123 (63%) were due to fentanyl alone
 - o 37 (19%) were due to a fentanyl analog alone.
 - o 35 (18%) were due to fentanyl combined with at least one analog
 - 72% are male and 28% are female.
 - 37 is the average age

• Fentanyl analogs present

- o Acetyl fentanyl (35)
- o Furanyl fentanyl (31)
- o 4-ANPP (desproprionyl fentanyl) (3)
- o Fluoro-fentanyl (1)
- o Para-fluoro-isobutyryl (2)
- o Para-fluorobutyryl (1)
- o Acryl fentanyl (1)



